
CHINA'S XI CALLS FOR UN, MULTILATERAL SYSTEMS TO BE UPHELD ON SOUTHEAST ASIA TRIP

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China's President Xi Jinping called for support for the international system centred around the United Nations, trade and the rule of law as he continued on a Southeast Asian tour amid a sharp deterioration in China-U.S. relations.

Xi is in Malaysia as part of a three-nation Southeast Asian trip that includes Vietnam and Cambodia, to consolidate ties with some of China's closest neighbours as trade tensions with the United States escalate.

In an opinion piece published by Malaysia's English language daily The Star on Tuesday, Xi said a United Nations-centred international system underpinned by international law was crucial to "promote fairer and more equitable global governance".

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